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State Awards 2 New Schools for Gila County Regional District

(PHOENIX, AZ – December 7, 2007) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved two new schools for the Gila County Regional District at their monthly board meeting yesterday.

The schools were awarded as part of the FY08 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next several months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

The Gila County Regional District received two 7-12 schools. The first school is for 90 students and is expected to open in Fall 2011. The second school is for 63 students and is expected to open the same year.

Today's awards total \$2,658,120. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction. More approvals are anticipated at January's Board Meeting to be held in the Dysart Unified District on January 10, 2008.

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SFB Approved New Construction Projects
FY 2008 Capital Plan Cycle

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	Student Capacity	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
12/6/2007	Gila County Regional	School	7-12	90	10,000	2011	\$1,563,600
12/6/2007	Gila County Regional	School	7-12	63	7,000	2011	\$1,094,520
	Subtotal:			153	17,000		\$2,658,120